

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Amended) An ink jet recording element comprising a support having thereon an image-receiving layer comprising porous polymeric particles in a polymeric binder, said polymeric binder comprising poly(vinyl alcohol) having a degree of hydrolysis of at least ~~about 95~~8% and having a number average molecular weight of ~~at least about 45,000~~60,000 to 100,000.

2. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles have a median diameter of less than about 10 μm .

3. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles have a median diameter of less than about 1 μm .

4. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles are crosslinked and have a degree of crosslinking of about 27 mole % or greater.

5. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles are made from a styrenic or an acrylic monomer.

6. (Original) The element of Claim 5 wherein said acrylic monomer comprises methyl methacrylate or ethylene glycol dimethacrylate.

[7. Canceled.]

8. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said support is paper or a voided plastic material.

9. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein the porosity of said porous polymeric particles is achieved by mixing a porogen with the monomers

used to make said polymeric particles, dispersing the resultant mixture in water, and polymerizing said monomers to form said porous polymeric particles.

10. (Amended) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles have a surface area of at least ~~about~~ 35 m²/g.

11. (Amended) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles have a surface area of at least ~~about~~ 100 m²/g.

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12. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said image-receiving layer contains from about 0.20 to about 10.0 g/m² of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder and from about 1.5 to about 60 g/m² of said porous polymeric particles.

13. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said image-receiving layer contains from about 0.40 to about 5.0 g/m² of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder and from about 3.0 to about 30 g/m² of said porous polymeric particles.

14. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said poly(vinyl alcohol) has a number average molecular weight from about 70,000 to about 105,000.